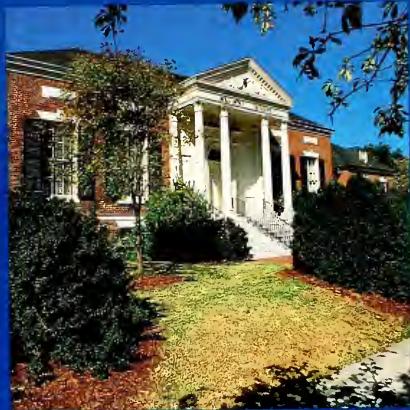


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Our Alumni House

She is dressed for company every day. Her Corinthian columns, her beaded pediment with its tympanum window, her uncompromising symmetry, and especially, her grand marble stairs, daily greet her visitors with unchanged dignity. Her welcome is bid faithfully, but bents to the disposition of her guests — ardently to graduates at Reunion, exuberantly to revelers at Homecoming, hospitably to distinguished university guests, and solemnly to those on academic quests. Her beauty, enhanced by the parade of seasons reflected in her face, prompts even the casual passer-by to sense the admiration held by those who claim her.

She commands a certain reverence — borne not just of her heritage, but of her elegance, her style. Gracefully she fulfills her mission.

Writing in *Alumnae News* in 1937, Alumni Secretary Clara Booth Byrd '13 described what the Alumni House must be: "...this House should represent certain great ideals: beauty and usefulness, neither excluding the other; culture and adaptability; dignity and spirituality. These were the qualities...which our House must embody; qualities which, blended together, might truly interpret the College Motto, Service. Moreover, we would build a House, a home, of simple elegance — not an institutional structure... It would be the part of the architect to express these ideals in brick and mortar and marble — as the composer translates moonlight into sound, into a sonata, for the keyboard."

At fifty, the Alumni House has recaptured the attention of alumni and kindled an interest in Southern architecture.





Symbol of Perseverance

by H. Elizabeth "Lib" Winston Swindell '45, '51 MS

This article originally appeared in the Greensboro Daily News on Sunday, October 25, 1987.

Noble in conception, beautiful in design, lovely in setting, handsome in construction and in furnishings."

This was Dr. W.C. Jackson's assessment of the Alumnae House on the campus of the Woman's College of The University of North Carolina.

As dean of administration, Jackson spoke those words on June 5, 1937, at the dedication of the structure designed to serve as a social and student activity building and headquarters for graduates. At the time, the college had its largest enrollment — 1,937 female students.

Much has changed in the 50 years since the colonial building on tree-lined College Avenue was opened formally and dedicated. WCUNC is now The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Alumnae House is now Alumni House, the spelling reflecting the University's coeducational status; and enrollment is at an all-time high — 10,688.

Few can dispute Jackson's description of the building that brings meaning to the university's motto, "Service."

The stately and elegant building is more than the hub of alumni

functions. It is the site of university faculty meetings, lectures, dinners, luncheons, and receptions.

Guests of the University use its bedrooms. Civic and professional organizations use it for meetings and programs. Alumni and students find it appropriate for weddings and receptions.

The Alumni House is unlike the 67 other buildings on the 169-acre campus.

The beauty of line and exquisite detail of workmanship makes it a home of simple elegance, not an institutional structure. Alumni Secretary Barbara Parrish '48 says, "Students see it as being different, and it is different from anything on the campus."

Alumni House is the result of the work and determination of many. It stands as a symbol of perseverance.

The dream began in 1914 when a committee was appointed to arrange for a permanent home for the alumnae of the institution then known as the North Carolina College for Women. Louise Alexander, whom students through the years affectionately called "Miss Alex," signed a contract "to do her best to raise the money by whatever method may seem best."

The necessary funding was amassed through the efforts of Alexander, a subscription campaign by alumnae and friends of the institution. The effort was led by a nine-member building committee, Dr. Julius I. Foust,

college president, and Alumnae Secretary Clara Booth Byrd '13. A grant from the Public Works Administration provided about a fifth of the funding.

After much research, it was determined the building was to be an enlarged version of Homewood, a circa 1800 house. Homewood now stands on the campus of Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, and is considered to be the most nearly perfect example of colonial architecture in America.

The bids were opened Nov. 20, 1934. Price: \$117,400, not including electric fixtures, venetian blinds, furnishings, equipment, and the garden. Penrose V. Stout was architect.

The groundbreaking was April 2, 1935. As the dirt was turned, the building committee breathed a sigh of relief; they had faced many obstacles, including the great Depression, bank closings, and Stout's death. (William H. Deitrick, a Raleigh architect, was hired to complete the building.)

Minutes and reports from building committee meetings reveal interesting details as construction of Alumnae House progressed.



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The portrait of Clara Booth Byrd '13 hangs in the Parlor of the Alumni House.



The Public Works Administration decreed skilled labor would be paid \$1.10 an hour and unskilled labor would draw 45 cents per hour. It was said a representative of the Secret Service in Washington was on hand at all times. No one knows why.

Upon completion, the Alumni House was one of seven such alumni buildings in the country. It was the only one built from funds raised by the widespread efforts of female graduates.

At the 1937 formal opening and dedication, a \$3,500 bank note that was satisfied two hours before the dedication was burned. The building, completed and furnished at a cost of \$150,000, was delivered to the University debt-free.

The charred scraps of the bank note have been preserved among the permanent treasures of the Alumni Association.

In her dedicatory prayer, building committee member Lillie Boney Williams '98 said, "This is no mere house of brick and mortar that we commemorate; it is built of ourselves. All we know of beauty has gone into its making. We have put our egg money into it. We have all but taken the clothes off our backs for the rummage sales that have gone into it. We have put our amazing teacher salaries into it. The dimes and the quarters of the maids and janitors have gone into it."

Built of handcrafted brick laid in Flemish bond, the columned central portion of the Alumni House is joined at the two ends by identical recessed wings.

Georgia marble steps lead to a portico with columns crowned

with the capital known as the Temple of the Winds. The great oak door, guarded on each side by a marble plaque of Minerva, the college seal, opens into a vaulted entrance hall adjoined by the lounge, or living room.

The \$1,200 for the steps, portico and door were given by the late Louise Clinard Wrenn '05x of High Point, an alumna and member of the building committee.

Delicate detail of beading, reeding, dentils, and modillions, typically Corinthian, add to the exterior.

The pineapple, symbol of Southern hospitality, is carved in molding above the entrance hall's double doors. Those doors open into the spacious Virginia Dare Room, which takes its name from murals that hang above fireplaces at each end. The fireplace hearths and mantel are of black and gold Italian marble. Worked into the design of the mantel is the daisy, the college flower.

The room is made more spectacular by the thirty-two pilasters around the walls, large crystal chandeliers and French doors opening onto the balcony that overlooks the garden.

The right wing of the house contains a catering kitchen, living room, and four bedrooms with baths. On the lower floor are the university's development and publications offices.

Alumni offices, a library, and other university-related operations occupy the left wing of the main floor. The home-style library contains the written work of alumni as well as other significant books. Rose Kennedy, who visited the Alumni House, donated a copy of *Profiles in Courage*, written by her son, John F. Kennedy.

On the lower floor of the right wing is the Pecky Cypress Room,

noted for its unusual wood walls, and now the office of the vice chancellor for development and university relations.

The rear of the house is two full stories and is accessible from the front, inside, or the flagstone terrace.

Originally, the lower floor was headquarters for the Student Government Association, offices for student publications, and a combined committee room and class headquarters (known to alumni as the Judy Board or Horseshoe Room). These activities moved to Elliott University Center in 1953.

Although the Alumni House is owned by the University, a standing five-member house committee of the Alumni Association oversees its operation and management.

The dream and challenge that took more than a decade to materialize is, says Barbara Parrish, a 'link, actual and sentimental, between the present and the beginnings of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.'

Homewood and the Baltimore Scene

by Jane Webb Smith

The twentieth century Colonial Revival architecture of the Alumni House was modeled on Homewood, the Federal period Baltimore country home that Charles Carroll of Carrollton gave his son for a wedding present in the first decade of the nineteenth century. At the time, Carroll was the wealthiest man in the country.

Johns Hopkins University, on whose campus Homewood stands, has owned the house since 1902. An extensive restoration has just been completed. The house is now as it might have been from 1806-1816, the ten years the Carrolls lived there as a couple.

Daniel Carroll emigrated to Maryland in the 1750s from Ireland. Because they were Catholic, he and his descendants were barred from political office. They put their energies into amassing one of the largest fortunes in the colonies. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, was the father of Charles Carroll of Homewood.

In 1800 young Charles Carroll

went to the Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania state court, Benjamin Chew, and asked to marry his daughter, Harriet. Though Charles had a reputation for idleness, he assured Chew that his father "would give us the money for whatever we need." For a wedding present, Charles Carroll Sr. gave the newlyweds 130 acres about a mile outside Baltimore.

Construction of the house began in 1801. Charles Jr.'s reluctance to keep accurate accounts, his indecisiveness, and the expensive tastes of the young couple brought the cost of Homewood by 1808 to \$40,000 — over four times what the elder Carroll intended to spend.

But with the departure of the workmen from Homewood young Charles began to get depressed. What would seem to be the beginning of a happy life turned into tragedy as Charles Carroll of Homewood turned to the wine cellar for consolation.

Charles, Harriet, their son, and four daughters first used Homewood as a summer home from May to October. By 1811, however, they were spending most of their time there. Letters from Charles Sr. to his son at this time had these recurring themes: "Stop spending so much money; improve your mind and keep up with your accounts; and keep away from spicy foods and wine, take a bath in the morning, work from 9 to 5 and you will have a fine life."

All this was ignored by Charles of Homewood. By 1813, Charles Sr. was worried about the welfare of Harriet and the children. In 1814 Harriet took the children to Philadelphia for a year. By 1816 Harriet



Above, a black and white patterned floor and moss green walls decorate the front reception hall of Homewood (below), now on the campus of Johns Hopkins University. Photos by David E. Tripp.



and the girls moved to Philadelphia permanently and their son, Charles, went to Europe to school. She needed to move to "escape the afflicting scene that she had witnessed daily."

A Captain Craig and his wife came to live at Homewood to care for Charles. They didn't stay long. From 1816 until his death in 1825 at the age of 50 in an institution in Annapolis, Charles Carroll of Homewood, alienated from his family, moved from Homewood to Annapolis and back again.

His son, Charles — now 24, moved into Homewood, refurnished it, and lived there until 1832 when his grandfather died. He then moved to Doughoregan Manor and took the name Charles Carroll of Doughoregan. Homewood was sold in 1839 to the William Wyman family, who lived there until 1850 when they built another house on the property. Homewood was closed until the 1890s when the Gilman School, a boys boarding school, rented it and put a cupola on the roof. In 1902 they gave it to Johns Hopkins and the "Homewood" campus was built around the house, which was used as university offices from 1930 to 1980.

Not a very happy story for such a lovely house.

In spite of the \$40,000 Charles Carroll sunk into the palace for his son, Homewood is not the masterpiece of Federal architecture one might assume. It is a typical, rather conservative adaptation of the neoclassical style and completely in the vernacular of the Georgian symmetry style that was occurring in Baltimore at the time. Again there is inconsistency in the fact that Charles Carroll demanded the finest Europe had to offer in decorative arts, dress, rugs, and fabric, but after great expense and indecision he ended up with a

conservative Baltimore country house. It was, of course, these inconsistencies and instabilities that brought the son of the signer of the Declaration of Independence to such a ruinous end. This inner turmoil was reflected in the house which obsessed him for so long.

In 1983 formal restoration efforts began with archaeological excavation which turned up lots of wine bottles. It is assumed that what Harriet didn't take to Philadelphia in 1816, Charles Carroll of Doughoregan took with him when he left the house in 1832. The restoration was completely paid for by the late Robert Merrick, a local philanthropist who had been at Gilman and lived at Homewood as a boy in boarding school. The curators have put nothing into the house that didn't have design precedence or documentation as having been in a contemporary Baltimore house.

There are about a dozen Homewood replicas in all, including the American embassy in Nicaragua and the music building at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

The restored Homewood opened as a museum on September 15, 1987.



The fine architectural detail in the home built by Charles Carroll is evident in this doorway.



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Pack Your Bags— We're Off to Baltimore

To continue celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Alumni House, the Alumni Association will offer a trip to Baltimore featuring a tour of Homewood, the colonial mansion after which the Alumni House was patterned.

Chartered bus service will depart on April 6 from Greensboro; alumni in the Richmond area may board in that city. A box lunch is planned in Historic Halifax, VA, at Tarover, the country home of Virginia Ford Zenke '46.

Four nights accommodations are booked at the newly restored Lord Baltimore Clarion Hotel. Guided tours of Homewood, Carroll Mansion, Peabody Library and National Aquarium, and a visit to the Baltimore Museum of Art, home of the Cone Collection, are included. Alumni will enjoy, too, a city tour of Baltimore, featuring the Federal Hill and Otterbien neighborhoods; lunch that day will be at the Engineering Society. On another day, alumni will take a trip to Annapolis to the Paca Mansion and the Hammond Harwood Mansion; lunch will be at The Maryland Inn.

Even with all that's scheduled, there'll be some free time in Baltimore to shop and enjoy The Inner Harbor (Harborplace), Antique Row, and the Walters Art Gallery and in Annapolis to shop or to tour the Naval Academy.

The whole package, including transportation, hotel accommodations, site tour admissions, and the lunch stops mentioned above, is reasonably priced: \$275 per person/ double or \$375 per person/ single occupancy. A package is also available without transportation. Additional information about the trip may be obtained from the Alumni Office.

It Happened in the Alumni House

Etude in BVD

Bill Welder '86, now a second year medical student at Johns Hopkins, had a unique experience in the Alumni House even before he entered UNCG as a freshman. Bill sought one of our prestigious Competitive Scholarships, and for the weekend of his interview, was assigned a bedroom in the Alumni House. It seems that Bill, unable to sleep, decided to while away the wee hours by playing the baby grand piano in the Virginia Dare Room — dressed only in his underwear!

Incidentally, now that Bill has moved to Baltimore he passes by Homewood every day. "It's really eerie," he told us recently. "It's so strange to see our Alumni House on a different site."

Sneaking Out of the House

The story can be told, now. After forty-five years, Evon Welch Dean '42 no longer feels the apprehension that she'll be chastised for bending the rules during the first year she worked in the Alumni House. Evon was secretary to Alumnae Secretary Clara Booth Byrd '13. During times when the Alumnae Board met, Evon was required to spend the weekend in the Alumnae House to tend to the needs of the board members and take responsibility for the House.

Sequestered one such weekend, the board members felt sorry for young Evon because she wouldn't be able to honor a date with future husband Willard on Saturday night. Every minute with Willard was precious because he was to leave for service in the Army within a few weeks. "In Miss Byrd's absence," Evon recalls, "those darling board members conspired to send me out anyway. They promised to 'cover' for me."

When Willard came to call on his bride-to-be, he got the once-over from the elder board members. And when the couple returned from their date, the alumnae were waiting up for them. Fortunately, the experi-

ence didn't scare Willard away.

So far as we know, no one ever tattled, but Evon confesses to many a frightful thought as to the severity of the reprimand Miss Byrd would have tendered.

Vital Statistics

The Annual Report for Alumni Affairs, always cleverly crafted by Director Barbara Parrish '48, contains a section about the use of the Alumni House. The 1986-87 edition reports that activity in the Alumni House was brisk and assorted: There were 21 group breakfasts, 59 luncheons, and 39 dinners. There were 200+ meetings, lectures, and special programs; 28 university-related receptions; 4 piano recitals; and 4 seminars. There were 5 weddings and 38 wedding receptions. And the seven beds were made 575 times during the year.

A Rose from Miss America

This photograph ran on the cover of *Alumnae News* in the fall of 1961. The cover note explains:

"Kendall Singletary is the three-year-old daughter of Chancellor and Mrs. Singletary. Her friend is, of course, Maria Beale Fletcher of Asheville, who was Miss North Carolina when this photograph was made and who is now Miss America. It happened this way: Kendall was visiting in the Alumnae House on the morning that Lelah Nell Masters '38, assistant public relations director for Cone Mills Corporation, brought Maria Beale over to make the 'official' photographs of her presentation gown. Kendall watched the goings-on with wide eyes, but she kept her distance. Finally when Maria Beale offered her the rose which she had been holding for the picture-making, the two were in lens-distance of each other. Mrs. Pat Alspaugh of the College News Bureau made this photograph."



Roots of Southern Architecture

by Charles Richard Gant
'76 MFA

Our Alumni House design is a fulcrum in the change from the colonial architecture of the young republic to southern architecture, which has its backgrounds and origins in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and early nineteenth century. It represents American taste and temperament.

Southern architecture reflects much variety because we are a nation of immigrants. The vagaries of the climate also play an important role.

Appearing in the Charlestown, SC, *Gazette* in May 1751 was this advertisement:

"DUDLEY INMAN, CARPENTER and Joyner, lately arrived from London, in Capt. Crosthwaite, who now lives next to Mrs. Finlay's in Church-street, Charles-Town, undertakes all sorts of carpenters and joiners work, particularly buildings of all kinds, with more convenience, strength and beauty than those commonly erected in this province, in which he will closely adhere to either of the orders of architecture: He likewise gives designs of houses, according to the modern taste in building, and estimates of the charge: And hangs bells, in the best, neatest and least expensive manner.—A good taste in building is a talent (as all others) brought into the world with a man, and must be cultivated and improved with the same care and industry as such others: But a structure, tho' ever so beautiful, cannot yet be perfect, unless supplied with all the conveniences necessary to remove the disadvantages proceeding from great heat or cold, or, the country wherein it is built: Of such there are but few in or near this town, tho' put up and finished at a greater charge than if they had all the conveniences and beautiful proportions of architecture."

"All these shall be done to the entire satisfaction of all gentlemen that shall be pleased to employ Their most humble Servant,

Dudley Inman"

This newly-arrived architect

promises that he will build in a modern style yet use the architectural resources of the classical past. He will take the climate into consideration as well as the nature of the architectural taste and styles of the South.

The White House, built in 1752 and then again in 1815, showed such a blend of European influence and American taste.

Drayton Hall, built near Charleston in 1740, is an example of Palladian design inspired by the Villa Rotunda in Vienna, circa 1550. It is, however, highly adapted in plan and material so that it is a practical interpretation of the Palladian ideal. Drayton is a functioning domicile rather than a tribute to artistic theory. This style was spread throughout the English world, and thus the South by the publication of Palladio's works in English by Lord Burlington. Burlington and William Kent were crucial in the firm establishment of the new style through their own architectural works.

The Nathaniel Russell House in Charleston (circa 1809) is an urban adaptation of a Palladian-style double house. Its end was to the street with the facade oriented toward the garden. The house announced one thing to the viewer but had an element of surprise inside.

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello (completed in 1809, the year that Homewood, the inspiration for our own Alumni House, was finished) is a combination of geometric shapes that are interesting, unusual, and demonstrate both his individuality and his debt to tradition. The building sits as an extension of nature. It is an idealized landscape in the manner of Claude Lorraine's seventeenth

century paintings as well as a functioning farm. Both principles have a classical origin in *The Georgics* by the Roman poet, Virgil.

This is also true of the University of Virginia campus. The university has been called a "city of temples within a landscaped environment."

Then, beginning in the 1820s, prominent architecture by Robert Mills (Washington Monument, 1836, and the Treasury Building) showed a rise of monumentality, the role of the state, and the death of picturesque landscape. The Records Office in Charleston was a fireproof building with emphatic, severe classical detail and columns.

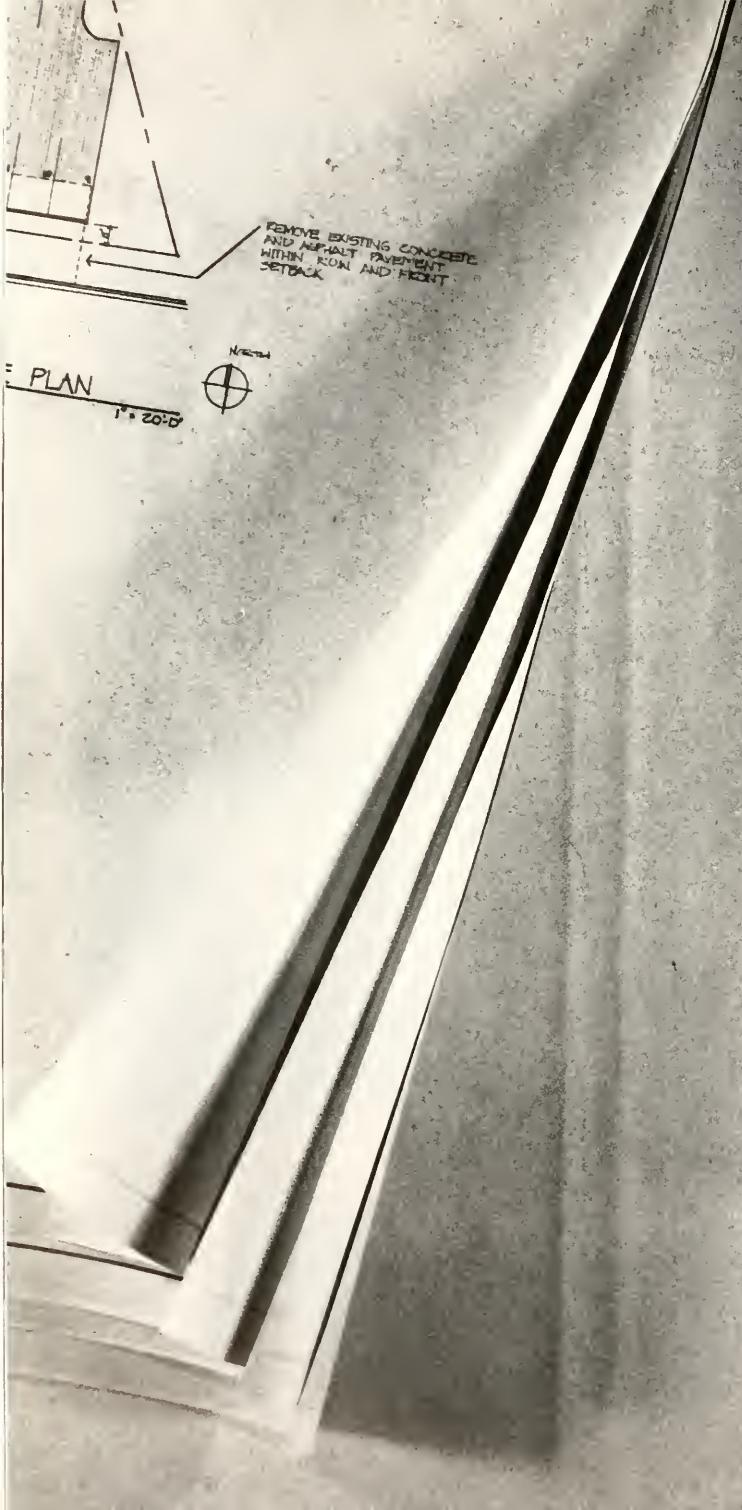
By 1865 Greek Revival had replaced Palladianism and Jefferson's monumental classicism. This became our "notion of Southernness."



Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, near Charlottesville, Virginia.



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by John Edward Tyler II

Beginning with Sir Walter Raleigh's attempt to plant a settlement of thatched, wattle and daub cottages, North Carolina's history can be traced through its architecture. The preservation of this architecture is a link to our past.

The earliest documentation for a particular dwelling is found on a map published in 1657. The Nathaniel Batts House, located in Bertie County, contained one room and a buttery. The earliest existing residence in North Carolina is the Newbold-White House in Perquimans County, built in the 1680s. It is of a "hall and parlor" plan and was restored under the guidance of the Perquimans County Historical Association. It is the cornerstone to any survey of the history of our state's architecture.

In the eastern part of North Carolina the "hall and parlor" plan used by Virginians was prevalent. Central European styling can be found at Old Salem and other Piedmont areas settled by the Moravians. The Quaker floor plan (three rooms, one slightly larger than each of the other two) was used in Perquimans and later in Guilford counties.

An enigma exists in North Carolina architecture, however. Many structures seem incongruous to their location. Mulberry Hill, on a plantation in Chowan County, looks as if it had been lifted from Front Street in New Bern, where there are several identical townhouses. And in the western part of the state, both the Carson House at Marion and the Smith-McDowell House in

Historic Preservation in North Carolina

Asheville have a tropical influence common to the coastal areas of the region.

Though North Carolina is termed a "valley of humility between two mountains of conceit" in architectural circles, some of our gems are the rarest. Tryon Palace in New Bern, designed by English architect John Hawks, is acclaimed as the most handsome of all eighteenth century buildings ever erected in the American colonies. And George Vanderbilt's "Biltmore" near Asheville is one of the grandest private residences ever built in the United States.

Historic preservation began in North Carolina perhaps as early as 1904 when the Colonial Dames rescued the birthplace of President Andrew Johnson. In the 1950s the State Division of Archives and History began its Historic Sites Program with projects such as the Alamance Battleground, the Governor Aycock birthplace, Bentonville Battleground, and the Ireland and Barker Houses in Edenton. Today this program is greatly expanded and part of the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

One cannot survey the historic preservation movement in North Carolina without paying special attention to the restoration at Old Salem. Though on a smaller scale, it is of the same fine quality as that found at Williamsburg. The Museum of Southern Decorative Arts in Winston-Salem is invaluable in preserving this phase of our heritage.

Every day countless historic buildings are lost to fire, vandalism, indifference, and neglect, to

say nothing of the bulldozer. The Historic Preservation Fund of North Carolina financially supports efforts to save structures

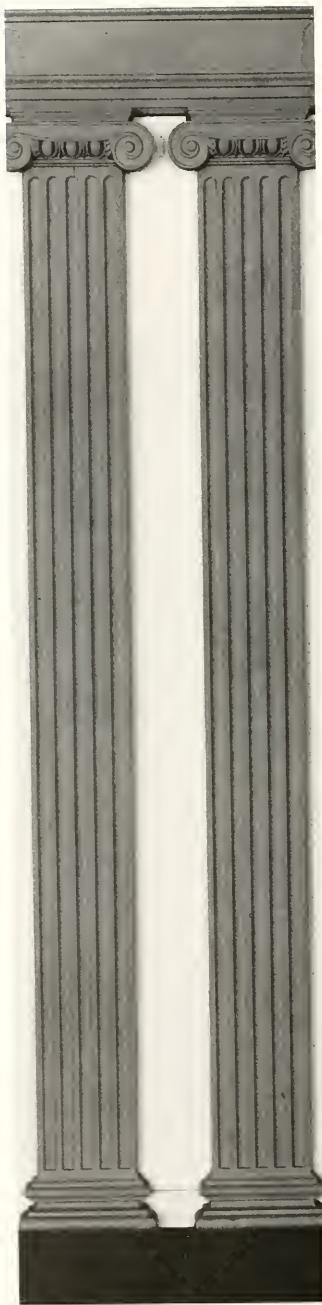
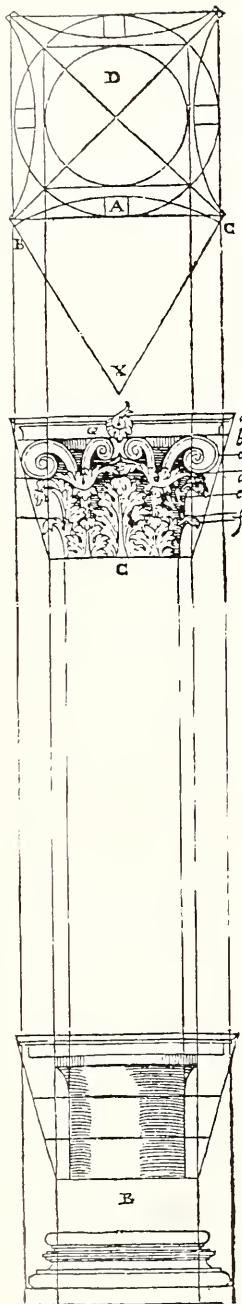
important to our heritage. Historic preservation is vital to our educational, economic, and cultural growth.



The Newbold-White House (above) is the earliest existing residence in North Carolina. Below is the birthplace of President Andrew Johnson, saved by the Colonial Dames perhaps as early as 1904. Photos are by the North Carolina Division of Archives and History.



John Tyler is chairman of the board and former president of the Historic Hope Foundation, which is responsible for acquiring, preserving, and maintaining the Hope Mansion near Windsor, NC. He is past president of the Historic Preservation Society of NC and served as chairman of the acquisitions committee of the Tryon Palace Commission.



by Mark R. Wenger

By exploring how America's architectural past inspired Virginia building during 1840-1940, the cultural forces which shaped Alumni House will be easier to understand.

Since John Smith produced his chronicles of the Jamestown settlement, Virginians have consistently displayed a concern for recording, preserving, and memorializing their past. These sentiments notwithstanding, antiquarian interest in Virginia's past exerted little influence on the development of local architecture until after the Civil War.

In the meantime, Virginia's colonial architecture remained largely unappreciated apart from association with famous people or events. Mount Vernon was one of the first buildings to command widespread attention. 1854 marked the beginning of successful efforts to save the home of George Washington as a shrine for the nation.

There did exist a widespread interest in Virginia's historical and architectural past on the eve of the Civil War. However, with the coming of hostilities, this interest was eclipsed by more pressing concerns about war and its devastating consequences. Not until the end of Reconstruction would the South again build on a grand scale. And not until then would Southerners again look to the past for inspiration.

Ironically, it was the northern popular press which showed the

Thirty-two pilasters grace the walls of the Virginia Dare Room.

Colonial Revival Architecture in Virginia

way. After the War, northern curiosity about the vanquished foe spawned an outpouring of literature treating all the distinctive aspects of Southern culture.

Architecture figured prominently in these popular writings. The war, of course, had destroyed much of that legacy. But it also introduced many people to the remains of Virginia's colonial landscape — the homes of great planters, the sites of momentous historical events.

In spite of its devastating effects, then, the Civil War was an important factor in promoting an awareness of Virginia's historical and architectural treasures. Within a few years of the war's end, travel accounts and illustrated articles began to appear in popular journals. The pace of these publications accelerated noticeably as the hundredth anniversary of American independence drew near.

The Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia and the Yorktown centennial received extensive coverage in periodicals of the day. An explosion of popular literature about the South ensued with interiors of Virginia houses depicted with increasing frequency. Both the dramatic and decorative stairway and the tall grandfather's clock were recurring bits of Colonial Revival imagery.

The restoration of Virginia's old plantation mansions were another aspect of the Colonial Revival. The restoration of Carter's Grove typified what was happening over much of the state during the period 1900-40. Numerous old homes were acquired, modernized and "restored" by affluent north-

erners. The resuscitation of Virginia's old estates was tied to the emergence of a new rural elite, with its taste for the pleasures of country life and its cultural identification with England.

First laid out in 1925, the Windsor Farms suburb in Richmond was envisioned as an old English village on the banks of the James. In fact, two homes were purchased and dismantled in England and erected in Windsor Farms. In its completed form, Windsor Farms was an idyllic evocation of old Virginia and its English roots — with "Anglo-Saxon home feeling." For Americans, this quality was best embodied in the domestic architecture of the colonial era and a sense of ethnic and cultural identity with England.

Historians also suggest that the Colonial Revival was a reaction to the social and political upheaval in the last half of the nineteenth century. In the face of these problems, it represented a reassuring affirmation of traditional values.

Our Alumni House, then, shows us a very proper copying of a colonial exterior with a mixture of periods and locations inside — mostly eighteenth century with a seventeenth century staircase.

Most of us think of the Williamsburg restoration as a beginning — a first step in modern methods for the preservation, interpretation, and recreation of our past. It is also possible to see Williamsburg as a conclusion, a culminating event of the Colonial Revival's "Golden Age" in Virginia.

The Colonial Revival has never

really gone away. A drive through just about any recent neighborhood in this part of the country will confirm that it's alive and well. Each generation returns to the past for its own reasons.



Carter's Grove, the River Front, located in James City County, Virginia, was restored between 1928 and 1932.



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by Dr. Jean Gordon



A room from Haverhill, Massachusetts, whose furnishings typify an early nineteenth century New England seaport home.



The furniture in this drawing room of a Baltimore house built before 1812 shows a strong Sheraton influence.

The rooms pictured on this page were once reconstructed in the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Why do twentieth century Americans have such affection for eighteenth century houses and furniture? Considering the differences in living patterns of two hundred years ago compared with those of today, the enduring popularity of eighteenth century styles might seem paradoxical.

Even the affluent are overwhelmingly informal. We call new acquaintances by their first names and lounge about in designer jeans. The eighteenth century person who aspired to gentility spoke in polite formulas, dressed in tight, uncomfortable clothes, and moved with studied grace. Eighteenth century houses were classically symmetrical and, because hand-made objects and textiles were expensive, rooms were sparsely furnished. What furniture there was was designed to exemplify the taste and status of the owner rather than to provide comfort.

In the early decades of the nineteenth century new-rich Americans were only too happy to relegate their stiff Queen Anne chairs and high chests to the maid's room and acquire whole ensembles of elaborate French furnishings for their spacious eclectically-styled homes. Only in the more traditional parts of the country — in New England and the Old South — was there nostalgia for the colonial era. Harriet Beecher Stowe used her novels to celebrate the domestic virtues of the New England kitchen, and Prudence Crandall organized the Mount Vernon Ladies Association to save George Washington's home as a national shrine. Every-

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one else concentrated on keeping up with the Europeans.

After the Civil War, industry flooded the country with mass-produced furnishings of the most elaborate and pretentious kind. Perhaps at no time in history were so many households inundated with so much interior decoration. Even the great exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876 to celebrate the nation's first hundred years was predominately concerned with exhibiting the latest achievements of industry and technology. Only a few exhibits, including that of a recreated colonial kitchen, reminded visitors of the earlier times which the Centennial celebrated.

It is true that in the 1880s and 1890s architects like Charles McKim and Stanford White studied and documented seventeenth and eighteenth century New England houses. At the same time collectors began scouring the countryside for blue and white china and stately highboys. But what really brought the colonial style back into fashion was the discovery that the relative simplicity of colonial design was more compatible with the changed society of the new twentieth century than the oversized Eastlake and Renaissance revival pieces of the 1870s and 1880s. In 1900 families were smaller and maids hard to find. The woman who did her own work could easily become a slave to multi-layered drapes, wall to wall carpets, and dense thickets of furniture and knickknacks.

For those of the plain-living, high-thinking persuasion there

was the new mission style. For a time, about 1910, it seemed to be sweeping the field. But, for the average taste, mission proved to be too austere. Golden or greenish pickled oak lacked the richness of walnut, and boxy, undecorated chairs and tables could be boring. Eighteenth century tables and case pieces not only were elegant, they were small enough to fit into the smaller twentieth century rooms. And even though some eighteenth century pieces were uncomfortable, they could be combined effectively with overstuffed sofas and lounging chairs. Designers like Elsie de Wolfe celebrated the fact that the eighteenth century style was perfectly compatible with such innovations as electricity and modern kitchens. By 1925 when the Metropolitan Museum of Art opened its new American Wing, the colonial revival was in full swing.

There were, of course, other enthusiasms. Some people liked the Spanish or Mediterranean style, and eighteenth century French Provincial had a large following. During and after World War II, academics and manufacturers tried to convert Americans to the international style. But, as Tom Wolf has said, Americans usually preferred "our house" to "Bauhaus." Split levels and blond furniture might be more convenient, but people still loved the look of colonial Williamsburg. The Bicentennial merely strengthened the feeling.

So much for the past. What about the future? Will the eighteenth and early nineteenth century styles always be with us? If they are, it

will not be because of their practicality or their unqualified suitability to modern life. The symmetry of the Georgian house does not necessarily lend itself to the most efficient and pleasing use of space. And detached houses in the suburbs are extremely expensive in terms of fuel for heat and transportation. As for furniture, eighteenth century styles require scarce, expensive woods and labor-intensive craftsmanship to avoid looking cheap and, as they say in the trade, "boraxy." Nor were the Queen Anne, Chippendale, and Federal styles designed for an informal, mobile way of life.

Still, people do not live by appropriateness alone. Sentiment and nostalgia have an important role in what most of us like. In the future, what we probably can expect in terms of furniture, if not in houses, is more of what we have had in the last two generations; that is, a combination of some pieces that evoke the eighteenth century and others that are more modern and convenient. Yet Elsie de Wolfe was undoubtedly a bit naive when in 1912 she predicted that the eighteenth century would always be the preferred style. Always, after all, is a long time!



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From Dream to Reality



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The Teague property, "that body of land lying between Spring Garden Street and the Southern Railway."

By Dr. Richard Bardolph

Because 1987 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formal introduction of the Alumni House as a resplendent new addition to the campus, we decided to prepare an article on the structure's background and early development.

One hardly knows where to begin. The remotest origin of the impulse to plan an alumni home are, one suspects, forever lost from recollection. But a search through the records, particularly the minute books of the Alumni Association and the early volumes of the Association's quarterly magazine, has enabled us to trace a sequence of events proceeding from dream to reality — including, along the way, some false starts, abrupt reconsiderations, gradual retreats, and the discarding of projects and plans whose initial high expectations were prudently

abandoned under the promptings of accident, circumstance, and sobering experience.

Indeed, the pre-history of the Alumnae House proved to be more eventful than we had supposed. It is intimately intertwined with the early history of the Alumnae Association, whose own story (which, for lack of space, we reserve for future articles) is one of changing structures and shifting conceptions of purpose and mission: developments that had everything to do with the evolution of the physical structure and the functions of the Alumnae House, even before the notion of an alumni building had occurred to anyone.

We have chosen the year 1914 as the point of departure for the first of a three-part series. It carries the story to 1922; the

second to June 1937; and a third is planned as a brief history of the Alumni Association itself from 1893 to 1937 in its early, and sometimes discouraging — but never discouraged — struggles to achieve its permanent form and to define its role and program.

It was at the group's annual meeting on May 25, 1914 — when the Association had fewer than 200 "members in good standing" who had paid their annual dues of one dollar, and had less than a hundred dollars in its treasury — that "a committee on arranging a permanent home for the Alumnae when they visit the College was appointed: Miss Jane Summerell, Miss Ethel Brown." It had also, however, oversight of approximately \$23,000 in student loan funds, which it had helped accumulate, a small portion of which its members had themselves contrib-

uted, but which it could not, of course, use for its own purposes. It is, perhaps, not too much to say that the Association's primary purpose at that time, as it would be for several more years, was the fostering of student loan funds to enable financially deprived applicants to attend the College and become teachers. A secondary, though not unimportant, object was the rallying of support for the College, both in the general public and in the Legislature.

Beyond the brief item we have quoted from the 1914 minutes, no amplification was offered at the time, and apparently no discussion ensued. A few months later, when the secretary recorded the Founders' Day meeting of October 5, 1914, no mention of an alumnae home was made. At the following year's annual meeting in May of 1915, "Miss Summerell reported that the Committee on a Home for the Alumnae were encouraged to hope for some such place on the Campus as soon as it was practicable for the College to grant the space. The Committee continued." Then, once more, on May 22, 1916, the annual meeting heard from Miss Summerell's committee "that they continued to stand for the idea of an Alumnae Home and hoped some day to realize that dream." Again, no discussion of the proposal was recorded. The brief report could hardly have been a surprise to the alumnae who were present, however, as we will note in a moment.

By 1914, when the Association had been in being for twenty-one years since its first tentative beginnings in 1893, it was still little more than a federation of loosely organized county chapters. Its activities were largely confined to an annual meeting on the campus during commencement weekend and another sparsely

attended session in October at Founders' Day. Otherwise its agenda reached little beyond the promoting of student loan funds and some modest exertions (in which few members participated in any visible way) to stimulate interest in the institution among legislators, the general public, and prospective students, and to keep alive the loyalties and affections of graduates and former students in the growing sisterhood.

The establishment of a quarterly magazine in 1912 provided a promising resource for promoting the Association's objectives. Its pages, as well as the official minute books, enable us to trace, step by step, the movement that led to the dedication of the Alumnae House in 1937. Of special interest is a piece by Jane Summerell '10, '23 BA, '78 LHD (still a member in excellent standing in 1987!) in the April 1916 *Alumnae News*. As chairman of her small Committee on the Alumnae Home, she was moved to push the cause in the Association's periodical in an article that is interesting not only as the first reference in the quarterly to an Alumnae building, but also because it illustrates what that generation of alumnae thought such a building might be.

She began the piece by pointing to the need of a location on campus where former students might come to visit their sisters and their college friends, or even to introduce their own children to the school. She was, in fact, talking about a sort of campus hostelry for overnight (or even longer) stays. Then, she continues:

About a year ago the Alumnae Association decided to look into the matter of an alumnae home here on the campus. It was not a difficult task to single out the building best adapted for that purpose; for what place on the

hill is dearer to the hearts of us all than the Old Infirmary. Since the sick among us have been transferred to the new hospital, why not let those home-sick for college away from us claim this building as their own? Here they could come for several weeks to refresh themselves mentally and spiritually, or to give, out of their experience, helpful advice to their younger sisters struggling with the increasing problems of our institution. At commencement and on Founders' Day, the home would be filled with many who feel a little timid about staying in the dormitories, or who would prefer a quieter place for the College's newest grandchild... Dr. Foust is much interested in our plans, and would like to give it to us; but, with the crowded condition at the College, there can be no immediate assurance. However, if the alumnae will manifest the proper amount of enthusiasm and interest in their home, and press their claims upon the College authorities, it may be ours some day.

Three years later, when the proposal had not yet materialized, Laura Coit (at that time the College's secretary and an officer of the Alumnae Association) wrote a brief paragraph for the *Alumnae News* which reflects much the same conception of an alumnae home, though it does not mention the Old Infirmary. In fact, as Miss Coit may have known, the movement for an alumnae building was soon to take a new turn.

While the preliminaries leading to the session are only suggested in fragmentary evidence, we do know, for we have the official minutes, that a slightly flustered quorum of the Association's Board (Miss Summerell was among those present, as was Miss Coit) filed into Dr. Foust's office on the morning of May 11, 1918, into the

presidential presence. After a few introductory explanations by Dr. Foust, the young women were shown a set of resolutions in which the College's Board of Directors recommended to the North Carolina General Assembly that it grant to the Alumnae Board "specific authority to purchase, and also request the General Assembly to make specific provision to pay for the purchase of said property." The land referred to was the Teague property, "that body of land lying between Spring Garden Street and the Southern Railroad" (where Curry Building now stands, flanked on the east by the Ferguson Building and on the west by the former Curry School Gymnasium).

In a second resolution the College's Board "earnestly requests the Alumnae Association... to purchase and hold the property for the Institution until such time as the Board of Directors can legally acquire same, and provide funds for the payment thereof."

Accompanying documents show that the property was to be purchased for \$50,000 by a down payment of \$10,000 and then in \$5,000 annual installments for eight years at 6 percent interest; the Alumnae Association would borrow the \$10,000 required for the down payment. (Its own treasury at the moment held less than \$100.) Further stipulations indicate that when the College "is in a position legally to assume the indebtedness," it would do so. In short, for the present, when the College's own financial resources were overstrained and its capacity to borrow was severely limited by legal constraints, the Alumnae Association would raise the funds and purchase the land so that the College could obtain it in the

future. Agreeing to the proposal, the members of the Alumnae Board thereupon signed the instrument.

Subsequent events were to disclose also that the first structure to be reared on the newly acquired Teague Field would, in fact, be an alumnae home. Meanwhile, of course, the earlier suggestions about enlisting the Old Infirmary for the purpose were quietly shelved. A brief item in the minutes of the May 19, 1919, annual meeting relates that "The Committee on the Alumnae Home reported that the plans for the Home would probably take a new turn soon." Later at the same session, Dr. Foust addressed the meeting, and after sounding his usual warning that the State's appropriations were seriously inadequate to supply the buildings and equipment that the rapidly growing institution desperately needed, he turned for a moment to the subject of an Alumnae Home.

"He spoke," say the minutes, "of the need for an Alumnae Building to be used as a home of the Faculty at present. [Emphasis supplied by RB.] We look forward to the time when post-graduate courses will be demanded by the Alumnae. They can use the Home then as their residential hall." Moments later Miss Womble "spoke of the need for the Alumnae Building especially for use as a Faculty residence. It was [then] moved and seconded that we take up in a business way the erection of an Alumnae Building and to plan if possible for ways and means to erect such a building on or near the campus."

reported that the Board had met earlier in the day, had elected Ethel Bollinger '13 as secretary and treasurer of the Association and editor of its quarterly (at a salary of \$1,200) and had instructed her that "her first work should be the maturing of full business plans for securing the erection of an Alumnae Home on the Campus to cost not less than \$100,000. The Home desired is to be used as Alumnae guest rooms, suites and rooms for rent to Faculty members, an up-to-date cafeteria, and a club room etc., where clubs from town might hold sessions or joint meetings with Alumnae groups."

The Committee on the Home was now reconstituted to include Etta Spier '95 (chairman), Jane Summerell, Laura Weil Cone '13, Laura Coit, Clara Booth Byrd '13, '80 LLD (Hon.), and Mary Robinson '26.

A mere half year later Miss Bollinger's first annual report, on May 20, 1920, gave an account of her work, the concluding item of which coolly announced that "Plans for our Alumnae Building have been drawn up and accepted by the [Alumnae] Board...and the site for its erection, the Teague Field, has been assured us." The Building Fund had, at that moment, about \$4,000, of which \$3,000 was in promissory notes. After the secretary's report was read, Dr. Foust "talked to us about raising funds for our Alumnae Building, and urged us to make a drive for that money in the near future."

Although these rapid developments had ended all thought of the Old Infirmary as a suitable Home, the Association still had an interest in the aging structure (which stood, by the way, where the Faculty Center is now), an interest that was to have a significant bearing on the more ambitious program now to be launched. The same session at

Then, at the 1919 Founders' Day meeting, Miss Coit



"Our Proposed Alumnae Building" as it appeared in the April 1920 Alumnae News was a duplicate of the recently constructed Shaw Dormitory.

which Miss Bollinger had presented the foregoing report "took up," according to the minutes, "the most important question raised," that of establishing a tea room "for the duration of the summer session and longer, if possible, in the Old Infirmary." The proposal was approved, and the experiment was just successful enough in the 1921 summer term to suggest that an alumnae-operated tea room, or even a cafeteria, might conceivably be one way of accumulating a fund for the proposed Home.

Within a matter of months, the building was on the drawing board, the product of discussions involving, among others, Dr. Foust, the Alumnae Board, the Committee on the Alumnae Home, and a local architect, Harry Barton. Documentary evidence of just how matters proceeded have as yet not been found by this writer, but an architect/artist's drawing, looking very much like a photograph and captioned as "Our Proposed Alumnae Building," was conspicuously displayed on the front page of the April 1920 *Alumnae News*, accompanied by detailed floor plans of the projected three stories — closely mirroring the

conception that we have already encountered, as expressed by Miss Summerell, Miss Coit, and President Foust.

One recognizes instantly that the building was — to save on architect's fees — a precise duplicate of the recently constructed Shaw Dormitory, except for the addition of three stories of porches (those on the second and third levels designated as sleeping porches) at either end of the building and also at the rear. The first floor was to contain "club rooms" and offices for the Association in the east wing and a kitchen and cafeteria in the west. The second and third floors, including the porches, were to be identical and to provide more than thirty bedrooms plus a guest room and baths.

The accompanying article suggested that "if each alumna will contribute twenty dollars during a period of two years' time, we would have over the entire sum to be raised which is one hundred thousand dollars."

These hopes were, of course, too optimistic. A long, hard campaign for a period of years would be required — as we will have occasion to relate in the third essay in this series when we take note of

the highlights of the Association's first half century. But, daunting as the fund raising promised to be, the urge to move forward at once, long before the funds could be expected, readily prevailed.

The October 1920 issue of the Association's magazine called upon the alumnae throughout the state to accept the responsibility for raising their county's fair share as set forth in a table headed "Suggested Apportionment of Funds by Counties for Building." The schedule listed the counties alphabetically and aggregated a grand total of \$100,640 by assigning specific quotas to each. The largest assessment, predictably, was asked of Guilford (\$6,000); Iredell, Mecklenburg, and New Hanover were asked for \$3,000 each; Randolph for \$2,500; ten others were requested to raise \$200 each; and all the rest were called upon for amounts ranging downward from \$1,800 to the modest \$75 that Graham County might assemble.

The alumnae were urged to work through a county chairman and to give either cash or "notes covering two years' time and to be met in four payments, two payments per year," on forms already prepared and available for distribution from the Association's office. In addition, alumnae were exhorted to solicit "interested men and women of wealth," in their communities and to sponsor "benefit entertainments or similar outside activities."

Although the immediate — and, for that matter, the longer-term — response to these appeals was disappointing, the alumnae's leadership and Dr. Foust were eager to make a speedy beginning, prompted in part by a new consideration that had intruded upon their calculations.

The story at this juncture is best told in a full-page editorial by the Alumnae President, Maud Bunn Battle '14, in the October 1921 magazine. The piece was offered to explain the surprising action at the recent (1921) Founders' Day meeting of the association, where, with relatively little discussion, those present voted to approve a recommendation by the Board that the erection of the proposed alumnae home commence at once.

Earlier that morning, the Board, taking notice of the significant, if modest, success of the summer's experience with the tea room in the Old Infirmary, concluded that the experiment had "encouraged those interested to make investigation toward establishing a cafeteria near the campus. Since the West Wing, ground floor, of our Alumnae Building was to be composed of a cafeteria and kitchen, it was thought wise to consult the architect and find out if that much of our Building could be erected without injury to the rest. Mr. Barton, after careful consideration, stated that this could be done for \$15,000." Then, when the secretary reported that the cash and notes in hand would, by June 1922, amount to nearly \$13,000 and suggested that the remaining \$2,000 could be readily borrowed, a decision was reached. On motion of Mrs. Cone, the Board voted to recommend that "we begin the erection of the West ground floor wing of the Alumnae Building [on the Teague Field], which is to contain the cafeteria and kitchen."

It was this proposal from the Board that was accepted by the somewhat startled alumnae at the afternoon session, after they had heard from Dr. Foust that "he had been assured that morning by a

prominent businessman and banker of Greensboro (Mr. Vaughn) that it would be possible to borrow between four and six thousand dollars if necessary for our Alumnae Home Fund."

Miss Battle's editorial in the October *Alumnae News* was offered as a defense of what seemed to some to have been a hasty action.

The situation which faced the alumnae gathered at the College to celebrate Founders' Day called for immediate action of some kind. It was learned that there is a great demand for a cafeteria near the College for the use of students and faculty as the College dining rooms are inadequate. This demand will inevitably be greater a year hence at which time new dormitories will have been opened while no new dining hall is planned for until later. It seems that speculators, learning the situation, were at work to press the starting of a cafeteria near the College. This the alumnae felt is absolutely necessary to forestall as it would most seriously interfere with the success of our own proposed cafeteria. As a result, the architect was consulted with a view toward getting plans for the building of one wing only on the Home, this wing to contain the cafeteria and rooms necessary for its successful operation. The architect was most encouraging, reporting that the wing could be erected now without changing at all our plans for the building as a whole. [Hence] the motion was made to go ahead....This part of the building alone will cost \$15,000, and the equipment will cost around \$2,000. A good part of this amount we have on hand, some we hold notes for and some we must raise. It is hoped and expected that the cafeteria will be ready to open by summer school [of 1922] as it will be greatly needed then. When once in operation, the cafeteria will be more than self-supporting, and herein will be one source of income for use in the completion of the building.

Let us then one and all resolve, in spite of the financial stress of the times to get the necessary funds so

that our building may be rushed to completion. Let us pay our twenty dollar assessments, work to make the Christmas bazaar an even greater success than last year, and do whatever else we can to secure funds. We must have our Home quickly for we need it greatly.

Construction — as we plan to report more fully in our next article — was begun soon thereafter, only to encounter new difficulties (and a new opportunity) which, thanks especially to the vision of Dr. Foust and of Clara Byrd, who became Alumnae Secretary in 1922, served to convince the Association that the partially constructed building on the Teague land should be diverted to other purposes; that the alumnae should somehow recoup the money they had committed to it, and that they should gird for a mighty effort to mobilize the greater fund that a more appropriate edifice would demand. No one could have foreseen that fifteen years would pass between the decision to commence the ill-starred venture on Teague Field and the dedication of the Alumnae House that now graces College Avenue, on a site which in 1922 (and, indeed, from 1893 until 1935) was occupied by the original Guilford Dormitory — also known as Midway — a large wood anachronism, which, as it aged, was becoming an increasing embarrassment. ■

REVIEWS



Eve Shelnutt

Short Story Transformation

by Fred Chappell

Eve Shelnutt has established herself as one of the most distinctive writers of short fiction now practicing in the United States. *The Musician* is her third collection, and follows *The Love Child* in 1979 and *The Formal Voice* in 1982; it is of a piece with the earlier volumes, but it also marks a subtle loosening of intensity and a sense of comedy beginning to mellow just a bit.

But the perspicuity of her vision and the brilliance of her technique have not lessened in the least.

Fred Chappell, a poet, novelist, and short story writer, is professor of English at UNCG.

She was always determined to transform the nature of the short story, and she has done so to large extent by choosing strange but believable situations to depict and by treating the story more and more as a plastic object. She stands in relationship to her story almost as a sculptor might stand in relation to her statue; she has abstracted experience to minimal perdurable essence and cut its shape as much in negative space as in tangible stone. The designs of her stories tend, then, toward the abstract -- yet they are composed sentence by sentence of earthy detail.

A case in point might be the story called "Purity," which tells of two sets of identical twins, "identical twin-wise and set-to-set," who were born just nine months apart. It is easy to imagine how in hands clumsier than Shelnutt's this premise would degenerate into a complicated but simple-minded sitcom of mistaken identities. "Purity" is a sentimental comic story but it is not simple-minded. The four boys are presented as a vision of supernal beauty which is given to the town of Hendersonville, North Carolina, as a sort of aesthetic apocalypse. It is a vision which finally disappears, as visions do, but it has left its mark. "The townspeople eventually forgot, except at parades they would feel unaccountably wistful, and blame it on the weather."

Other marks of Shelnutt's distinctiveness are her suppression of conventional transitions and her stringent economy. Instead of explaining, she shows, often in scenes so brief they consist of only three or four sentences. Narrative is not merely fragmented, it is pulverized; its smallest elements are enlarged and those traditionally regarded as necessary are sometimes disregarded entirely. The stories move forward by means of a series of emotion-laden shock cuts, and every sentence is overstuffed with information and implication. It is possible to feel about these stories as her friends feel about the enduring Claire in the story called "Setting":

We did not at first recognize her. We held our breaths and for a long time, it seemed, we thought. Then she walked toward us, this picture of love and perfect fury, which most of us will never know. ■

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CAMPUS



At Founders' Day, the Readers Theatre Ensemble performed *Alumnae House: The Child of Our Hearts*.

UNCG Readers Theatre Ensemble

It was a very special gift.

One by one, eleven members of the UNCG Readers Theatre Ensemble filed into the Virginia Dare Room of the Alumni House. Scripts in hand and without benefit of set or costume, the readers led the audience back to the 1920s and 1930s when the seeds were sown from which the Alumni House sprang. The chronicle of events that brought the House into service included the Dedication Ceremony on June 5, 1937.

The performance was a gift to alumni in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Alumni House.

The audience of about a hundred and fifty alumni and guests were attending McIver Conference, a one and one-half day gathering held every year to coincide with Founders' Day.

The Readers Theatre Ensemble, begun in 1986, falls in the category of chamber theatre. Their medium is the spoken word. "What is paramount is the text," said the Ensemble's founder, Sandra Hopper Forman '66, an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Theatre at UNCG. "We pay minimum attention to technical aspects, letting the words speak for themselves."

For this unique performance, the text was gleaned from reports of the Building Committee, of Alumnae Secretary Clara Booth Byrd '13, and from other documents of the era.

The Alumni Association commissioned Ms. Forman to write and direct *Alumnae House: The Child of Our Hearts*.

"I chose the title from an account found among the papers preserved about the building of the Alumni House. It struck me as a fitting description for how alumni past and present feel about the House."

1987 SHEPERD Awards

The School of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance presented its SHEPERD Awards to three alumni: Patricia Elaine Barry

'64, David W. Moore '81 MEd, and Dorothy Berea Silver '80 MFA. First given in 1985, the awards recognize alumni who have made significant contributions through scholarship, leadership, or service in career and/or civic involvement.

The awards were presented at the annual Ethel Martus Lawther Lecture in November.

Patricia Barry received her bachelor's degree in physical education and her master's degree from Florida State University. Since 1976, she has served as coordinator of secondary physical education and athletics in Montgomery County, MD. In 1984, she received the NASPE's Joy of Effort Award.

Receiving his master's degree in health education, David Moore is director of health and physical education in the Moore County Schools. In 1986, his school system received one of twenty "Healthy Me" awards given nationally by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in recognition of outstanding programs. He is an EdD candidate at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Dorothy Silver received her master's degree in dance. She retired last spring from the University where she had been artist-in-residence. She had taught at UNCG since 1974 and has been performing for forty years with such major companies as those of Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, and Pearl Lang. Her choreographies have been presented at American College Dance Festivals.



Dr. Walter Beale directs the Writing Across the Curriculum program.

Writing to Learn

"There's a great difference between learning to write and writing to learn," says Walter Beale, a professor in the Department of English and chairman of the Writing Across the Curriculum planning committee.

Writing Across the Curriculum is a program on campus which is promoting the formation of "writing emphasis courses" throughout all disciplines. Generally, there is a perceived need for better student writing skills. But writing, like any skill, needs continuous reinforcement or the ability will atrophy.

"Writing is not domain specific," according to Dr. Beale, "but can be used in any academic context as a learning tool. The more you write about a subject, the more you learn about it, and the better able you are to express yourself. Teaching by writing emphasis forces the instructor to get involved by acting as an editor. There is much give and take. And that's important."

The definition of "writing emphasis courses" is intentionally vague. Those who are teaching these courses vary considerably in their approach and their use of writing. Generally, they share a recognition of its importance as a

tool to enhance and measure student learning. In addition, students enrolled in writing emphasis courses have access to the consulting or tutorial services of the English Department Writing Center, under the direction of Karen Larsen Meyers '75 MA.

Begun last year under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dean Joanne Creighton, the response to the program has been excellent. About thirty instructors are teaching the courses now, and fifteen more attended information workshops last fall. A Faculty Development Grant was received. The goal of Writing Across the Curriculum is to involve the entire University.

Effective writing helps people make themselves heard.

Study for Success

The shock of those first semester grades may be lessened thanks to a new program begun last fall by the Office of Academic Advising. Karen Haley, whose official title is student retention coordinator, is helping students — especially freshmen — balance professors' expectations and study time with the independence of college life.

Her "Student Success Series" offers free workshops on such topics as note taking, efficient textbook reading, study tips and techniques, and finals survival. UNCG's Counseling and Testing Center is assisting her with subjects such as test anxiety and time management. For convenience, the sessions, open to all UNCG students, take place in the late afternoon or early evening. Stu-

dents can attend one or two or the whole series.

Ms. Haley, who has been with UNCG for two years, began the series last year on a limited basis. She considers this year's workshops a success. "We've helped many people. Next year I would like to change the program to a two or three session format," she said. "Then I could reach even more students and begin some type of assessment. Ongoing contact and feedback would be very valuable."

In another capacity with Academic Advising, Karen Haley is doing research on why students drop out of college and what problems they face.

Academic support for specific courses is available through the instructor, of course. And some departments offer general tutoring labs.

UNCG's "Student Success Series" workshops are a critical campus resource.

Art on Paper

Alumni artists whose works were selected in the 1987 Art on Paper exhibit in the Weatherspoon Art Gallery were:

E. Faye Canada Collins '60, '78
(BFA), '83 MFA
Richard Fennell '82 MFA
Judy Smith Henricks '81 MFA
Patricia Marie Kiblinger '81 MFA
Eric Wayne Lawing '85 MFA
K. M. Mullins '85 MFA
Michael W. Northuis '84 MFA
Janice Burns Peebles '84, '87 MFA
David Curtis Smith '80 MFA
Linda Perry Tavernise '84 MFA

A Formula for Champions

by Ty Buckner '85
Sports Information Director



The Spartans and Campus Field crowd of nearly 3,000 celebrate the 6-1 tournament finals win over Washington University.

Winning national championships requires a blend of skill and luck, and most of all, the ability to perform best when it counts most.

After capturing its fifth NCAA Division III men's soccer title in November, UNCG can claim mastery of the formula for championship success.

Coach Michael Parker's team, consisting of ten freshmen and ten veteran players, won just eight of its first fourteen games, dropped from a six-year, top 10 national ranking, and failed to receive an automatic tournament bid for the first time since 1980.

But the Spartans regrouped in the playoffs, where their 26-2 record in seven years is the best in the history of NCAA men's soccer championships.

UNCG capped its title run and



Willie Lopez, the team's top scorer and an All-America selection, eludes a Washington defender in sideline action.



Senior forward Patrick Patterson pushes the ball up the field through the Washington defense.



Co-captains Carl Fleming, left, and Michael Colannino display the national championship trophy as Chancellor William E. Moran looks on proudly.

departed Division III competition with a 6-1 rout of Washington University (MO) in the finals at home before nearly 3,000 cheering spectators.

It was the most lopsided final-game victory in NCAA men's soccer tournament annals and left the Spartans trailing only ten-time Division I champ St. Louis University in the number of titles won.

"We leave Division III the way we should be remembered — as champions," boasted Parker after coaching his way to a sixth national title in 12 years.

UNCG's athletic teams enter a new era of scholarship competition as Division II affiliates this fall.

For now, the Spartans are enjoying their final Division III campaign and leaving a lasting impression.

THE WAY WE ARE



Touring with *Cats*

Eight times a week last summer and fall actress/dancer Joanna Beck '75 crawled and cavorted across the stages of America as a feline in the hottest Broadway musical of the decade — *Cats*. Featured in the third national touring company of the hit, she played both Jellylorum (above, right), an "honest, frank, and caring" cat who sang ballads, and the soprano Griddlebone, the opera cat.

Born and raised in Asheville, Joanna attended the Asheville Ballet School and performed with the Asheville Ballet Company and the Asheville Youth Theatre. She received a bachelor of music

degree and was a voice performance major at UNCG. She was a cast member of the University's first Summer Repertory Theatre in 1975.

After that, she headed for the bright lights of Broadway and never looked back. Her credits include *Showboat* with Donald O'Connor and "As the World Turns" on CBS TV. Off Broadway, she appeared in *The Music Man*, *The Sound of Music*, *Boys from Syracuse*, *Old Fashioned*, and *Candide*. She has also performed in *Liberty's Song* at the Grand Old Opry House in Nashville. Joanna has toured with *Cats* since September 1986. She says, "It has been a wonderful and exhilarating opportunity. But performing is hard physical work, and a cross-country tour can be exhausting."

She has been "in the business" for ten years now. She plans a career change that will concentrate on television commercials and films. She concedes, "There's a lot of competition for this lucrative work."

But Joanna Beck is a proven professional, and we know she'll succeed.



The Annals of Time

Every day J. Stephen Catlett '74 ('76 MA) studies the everyday lives of everyday people — though they aren't living. For the past year and a half, he has been archivist at the Greensboro His-

torical Museum. He works with letters, diaries, and public records to piece together history.

He chose the career of a "social historian" due to the influence of two UNCG history professors — Dr. Ronald Cassell and Dr. Frank Melton. Stephen's original major was journalism. He became interested in manuscript research, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in history at UNCG, and went on to UNC-CH for a master's in library science.

Upon graduation in 1977, he landed a "plum" of a job with the oldest learned society in the United States — the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. It was founded in 1743. Early members included Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine, and Alexander Hamilton. More than a third of the Nobel Prize winners have been members. For five years of Stephen's tenure there he was manuscript librarian. In 1986 he became assistant librarian.

He returned to his native Greensboro when the job as archivist at the local museum beckoned.

As archivist, he is responsible for the records of the city's history — old documents, letters, maps, photographs, newspapers, advertisements, and diaries. Stephen is intrigued by them.

A "tremendous gift" was given to the museum this year by the descendants of Mary Watson Smith — her diaries of 1904-1923. Her husband, Dr. Jacob Henry Smith, was pastor of First Presbyterian Church from 1859 to 1890. The diaries chronicle life and lifestyle in Greensboro during that period. "They are an important acquisition and a most valuable addition to our collection," says

Stephen.

Stephen is also a newly published author. He recently completed the 420-page *A New Guide to the Collections in the Library of the American Philosophical Society*, begun during his employment there.

At the museum his major projects include designing a plan for new archive space to be constructed after 1989 and creating a computer database system for cataloging and reference.



Gold Medal Caliber

Bringing home the gold from St. Louis last summer meant just as much to **Mary Henri Robinson Peterson '32** as it will to younger U.S. Olympians in Seoul in 1988. The 75-year-old alumna competed in the U.S. National Senior Olympics from June 27-July 2. She won two gold medals and one silver medal in three bicycling events, and placed fourth in a

breaststroke swimming contest. All her honors were won in the 75-79 age class.

Mary Henri, a retired music teacher who lives in Orange City, FL, earned one gold medal in the half-mile dash cycle race. She earned the other gold in the 5K (3.1 miles) cycle race. Her silver medal came in the 10K (6.2 miles) race. And in swimming, she took fourth place in the 50 meter breaststroke.

Once in St. Louis, Mary Henri encountered an unexpected dilemma. She understood that bicycles would be provided. That was not the case! All competitors had to furnish their own. She almost panicked. All she could find to rent was an old fashioned 3-speed bike even though she was accustomed to riding a 10-speed. It took some getting used to, but it obviously didn't slow her down.

Making the cycling competition even more difficult for the Floridian was the fact that she qualified on relatively flat terrain at the Golden Age Games in Sanford, FL, while the course in St. Louis was hilly.

Three generations of Mary Henri's family are graduates of UNCG. Her mother, Jennie Tatum Robinson '04, died in 1981 at the age of 99. Her sister, Matilda Robinson Sugg, is a member of the Class of 1931; her niece, Elizabeth Sugg Brand, graduated in 1959. And Nancy Henri Peterson Goettelmann '65x is her daughter.

She gives much credit for her successes to her devoted husband, Jim, who accompanied her to St. Louis. "He's my trainer, driver, and cheerleader," she said.

ASSOCIATION NETWORK

New York Times Two

Want to make sure you have "something for everyone" when you plan your next alumni gathering? Schedule two receptions on consecutive nights and hold them in different locations within your area. Invite your guests to come to either or to both, and offer a program they won't want to miss.

Sounds ambitious, but it's just what the New York Area Alumni Chapter did last October. One reception was held in the City at the Princeton Club; the other took place the following night at the home of an alumna in Essex Fells, NJ. Both gatherings featured John Fitzgerald '84, assistant director of admissions at UNCG, who brought news of the campus. Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Brenda Meadows Cooper '65 was also there.

Myrna Sameth '66 serves as chair of the Greater New York Alumni Chapter. Cynthia Wharton '69 secured the Princeton Club and handled the myriad details for the October 7 meeting. Ben Nita Black McAdam '57 graciously opened her home for the evening of October 8.

Pre-Game Receptions

When the men's basketball team traveled to meet two of its out-of-state competitors early in the season, UNCG alumni were there to cheer them on.

In late November the Spartans traveled to Johnson City, TN, to match up with the East Tennessee State Buccaneers. In early December, they played the Patriots of George Mason University. Before each game, a reception was held for alumni and their guests where "shakers," Spartan Sports Schedules, and complimentary game tickets were given to those attending.

Sharing news from the campus at both Pre-Game Receptions were Brenda Meadows Cooper '65, associate director of alumni affairs; Bob McEvoy, men's basketball coach; Nelson Bobb, athletic director; and Debbie Yow, director of the Spartan Athletic Fund and associate athletic director.

At East Tennessee State, arrangements were made by Helen Russell Caines '55 of Kingsport, TN. Carol Klose Crouse '63 of Falls Church, VA, organized the Pre-Game Reception at George Mason.

Down East

Earlier last fall, Brenda Cooper was on the road again — this time with Associate Dean of Students Jim Lancaster '72 and his latest dazzling slide show. Off they went to the eastern parts of the State for gatherings of alumni held on two consecutive evenings.

The first stop was Whiteville where alumni throughout Columbus County were invited to the home of Charles McCurry '72. Alumni in that area hadn't met together in some time, so the evening was billed as the "First-In-A-Long-Time Gathering." Dr. Lancaster delivered a media presentation on student life at UNCG.

The "Brenda & Jim Show" was taken the next evening to Sampson County where one of the most active alumni chapters met for their annual dinner. It was held at Fussell's Restaurant in Clinton, and reservations were taken by Emily Teague Johnston '46, Eleanor Southerland Powell '42, and Faye West Warren '41.

The event in Clinton, alumni were reminded, was a repeat performance for Dr. Lancaster. In 1973, Jim was a graduate student in history at UNCG and held an assistantship in the Alumni Office. He wrote and produced a media

presentation, "Charlie McIver & Friends," which he and Brenda took on the road. They visited Clinton in the fall of that year.

Goin' to Ireland in My Mind

by Catharine Brewer '70

In the midst of last summer's lawn-scorching drought, there was a spot of green at UNCG. Alumni College '87, held June 21-25, conjured up the emerald shores of Erin for thirteen participants and staff.

Having journeyed with previous Alumni Collegians across the British timescape "In Search of Arthur" and slogged through the trenches of "World War I To End All Wars," I was delighted to abandon my husband, children, dog, cats, hamster, and fast-wilting roses for "A Terrible Beauty: Modern Ireland, History and Literature."

My knowledge of Ireland prior to this course was limited but colorful. I knew, according to W. B. Yeats, that it is no country for old men. I also knew that an Orange-man is a Protestant and that good Irish Catholics wear green shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day. Therefore, not wishing to offend anyone, I tactfully attired myself in shocking pink for the registration reception on midsummer's eve.

As with the previous Alumni Colleges, the site for "A Terrible Beauty" was the Alumni House, one of my favorite places to spend five days of intellectual and social indulgence. I find these interludes to be as refreshing as a sea cruise on a luxury liner and heartily applaud the move toward making them an annual event.

At the reception and throughout the course, Brenda Meadows Cooper '65, Alumni College Coordinator, treated us to a pervasive and whimsical Irish ambience. Our pre-course readings arrived in emerald envelopes; we wrote in green notebooks; shamrocks decorated our folders and we referred to class schedules printed on green paper; we drank Irish breakfast tea in the mornings, sipped Irish coffee after dinner and quaffed Guinness stout to down our potatoes. We were even provided with green TicTacs! Brenda's flair for detail transforms these mini-courses from a rewarding educational experience to Zing!

Harp lager served in green souvenir mugs certainly started the week with spirit. Not that Alumni College participants need much spiriting up. Alumni College is addictive: I myself have attended all three of the mini-courses and confess I would sign up for any future escapade even if the topic were "Life on the Under-side of a Carpet." And I am not the only aficionado.

Alumni College has begun to generate its own alumni. Several veterans of World War I returned for this year's excursion to Ireland. Marilis Barwick Sink '44 brought her husband, Jack, along this time. And as on any college campus, romance flourishes: Ireland alumni Karen Ljung Myatt '81 (MA) and Christopher Frost were married in October appropriately enough at the Alumni House.

Even the professors are returnees. Dr. Ronald Cassell of the history department and Dr. Keith Cushman of the English department, who led us across the battlefields of the Great War in 1984, unravelled some of the complexities of Ireland for us this summer. Ron and Keith augmented their lectures on Irish

history and literature with films, poetry readings, recordings of Yeats, vintage newsreels and entertainment by a true Irishman singing and piping traditional Irish music. The sparkling dialogue between our musician and another Irish visitor who spoke to us about the Irish language was as entertaining as the music.

Mary Tom Hoffler, a retired Greensboro schoolteacher, credits this diversity of experiences so well orchestrated by professors and staff as the key to "A Terrible Beauty's" success. Ron and Keith, with Brenda's inspired assistance, certainly gave us a well-balanced look into that troubled land focusing on the last century.

Our time in Ireland ended — how else? With a wake. Ed Tweedy '78 (MED), who lived for some time in Ireland, shared a long-hoarded bottle of Irish mead with us at this last gathering. Good food, good drink, good company, loud songs, raucous laughter, some semi-original poetry, an occasional tear, and then Ireland, farewell.

Alumni Travel in 1988

Trips are in the works for these destinations: Kenya, Mexico City, Dutch Waterways, Bermuda, Swiss Bavaria, China, and Spain/Portugal. Write the Alumni Office for information.

On matters pertaining to the Alumni Association and its programs, write to the Alumni Office. To contact Alumni News, write to the University Publications Office. Both offices may be reached at this address: Alumni House, UNCG Campus, Greensboro, NC 27412-5001.

LETTERS

TO THE

EDITOR



Dorothea Phelps Bultman '18, third from right, was surrounded by her classmates one fine Sunday in 1915 or 1916. The granite pillars, one of which may be seen just behind the students, still mark the entrance on College Avenue today.

Dear Editor:

My mother, Dorothy Phelps Bultman '18, found some pictures of the College from the years she was there. She was going to throw them away, but I told her I would send them to you.

Mother went to college at the age of fourteen but did not take a full schedule of courses the first year. She lived in North Spencer one year and worked in the office of Mrs. King who was in charge of student activities.

Mother lives in Sumter, SC, now. I'm going to ask her about other remembrances and see if she has other photographs.

Dorothea Bultman Wray '44
Gaston, NC

Editorial note: We are grateful to have the photographs Mrs. Bultman kept since her days at UNCG — or, for her, the State Normal

and Industrial College. We cherish such photographs, for they tell stories about our alma mater that we learn from no other source. I invite other alumni to submit photography from earlier days, too.

Dear Editor:

No other time has ever been so exciting for The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. We have a gifted faculty and top-notch students. Our graduate and undergraduate programs are growing and achieving national recognition. Work is under way on the building of a new Art Center and Physical Activities Complex and on the remodeling of the cafeteria. All of this is the result of the caring, commitment, and generosity of the entire university community.

The legacy of UNCG is not only superior teaching and academic

integrity, but also an involved and committed alumni. As alumni, we can make a particularly significant impact on the future of our University. That is why I am urging alumni to increase their support for UNCG. As our University grows in its ability to educate, so, too, grows its spirit and resolve to prepare tomorrow's leaders for the demands of our society. These students are counting on us to build a university in which the finest faculty and equipment are readily available.

Many alumni have answered this challenge and expanded their gifts to the University, and I wish to thank them for that. Although alumni giving has increased substantially in the past few years, the University continues to have needs which remain unfulfilled. Our crucial gifts provide for student scholarships, faculty development initiatives, laboratory equipment, library materials, and campus enhancements. The needs are great, and our willingness to meet these needs will pave the way for generations of students to come. I ask once again for alumni to support UNCG — as generously as circumstances allow — and truly make a difference in UNCG's tomorrow.

Gregory S. Greer '80
Davidson, NC
Chairman, Annual Giving Council

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BUSINESS

RECORDING SECRETARY



KAREN MCNEIL-MILLER '80, '81 MED, Greensboro. Director, The Piedmont School, High Point. "Young alumni perceive that their input and involvement is not crucial. This is an inaccurate perception and one that must be changed." Karen has been a member of the Black Alumni Council since 1985 and is presently co-chair. She is a member of the interviewing committee for Competitive Scholarships. Previously she was Black Alumni representative to the Alumni Board of Trustees and a member of the Alumni/Student Relations Committee. From 1983-85 she taught at The Piedmont School, a school for students with learning disabilities. She served as assistant director from 1984-86. She is a member of both the Greensboro chapter of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities and the North Carolina chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children. A cum laude graduate of UNCG, she was a member of Golden Chain Honor Society.

SUE ORMOND SINGLETON '59, Wilmington. Owner, The Yardage Shoppe, Greenville. "Serving on the UNCG Alumni Board would provide an opportunity for me to repay my debt of gratitude for the education I received." Sue was a member of the Prospectus III Committee for Beaufort County and an officer of the Beaufort County Alumni Chapter. She also served as the Alumni Scholarship Committee. After graduation, she participated in the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program in Panama and worked as a 4-H agent and social worker in Washington County. A home school coordinator with Washington City Schools for two years, she taught home economics at Washington Senior High School from 1969-72. From 1974-80, she was a regional nutrition program director for five counties in eastern North Carolina. She received a master of science degree from East Carolina University in 1983. An international Gideon Auxiliary member for the past ten years, she is active in the Southern Baptist Church.



ROZELLE ROYALL WICKS '53, Maysville. School-Community Relations Coordinator, Jones County School System. "The broad academic requirements and opportunities for developing leadership skills are just two of the many things I appreciate about UNCG. I would like to serve a great institution that had such a profound influence on me." After graduation, Rozelle taught in the public schools until 1967. She was teacher/headmaster at Onslow Academy in Jacksonville from 1968-83. She is a board member and past president of the Jones County Arts Council and the Jones County Historical Society. She is a member of the Jones County Interagency Council. She serves as chairman of the county schools accreditation unit and as county chairman of the Morehead Scholarship Committee. A section leader in the Craven Community Chorus, she is organist, choir director, and chairman of her Presbyterian church women's club. She has done further study at East Carolina University. Named Teacher of the Year in her school system, she has received Governor's Volunteer Awards from the Hunt and Martin administrations.

TRUSTEE: DISTRICT TWO

JOHN EDWIN WILEY '73, '76 MA, Greenville. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory, East Carolina University School of Medicine. "The future of UNCG depends upon the enthusiastic and generous support of its alumni. I would welcome the opportunity to increase my contribution to the University by serving on the Alumni Board." John received his PhD from NC State University in 1981. A biomedical research associate at St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA, from 1981-82, he was an NIH postdoctoral trainee at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1982-84. A diplomate and member of the American Board of Medical Genetics, he is also a member of the Kiwanis Club.



TRUSTEE: DISTRICT THREE



RUTH CROWDER McSWAIN '45, Wilmington. Self-employed educational consultant. "As a past director of guidance services at a North Carolina high school, I continued to see the best students selecting my branch of the University system. I continue daily to appreciate what UNCG has meant to me, and I sincerely hope that I have transferred that feeling to others. It would be an honor to serve our University as an Alumni Board Member." Ruth received an MEd in counseling in 1973 and a certification in supervision in 1980, both from UNCC. Previously, she was a member of the

Reynolds Scholars Interviewing Committee. She has been a health educator with the Charlotte YWCA; a teacher in Raleigh, Bertie County, and Rocky Mount; a guidance counselor at Rowan County High School from 1969-79; and a teacher/counselor in five Piedmont counties from 1979-82. Presently, she is future issues chairman of the North Carolina School Counselors Board and special programs director of the North Carolina Association of Counseling and Development. A former president of the North Carolina School Counselors Board, she was a recipient of their professional service award, now named the Ruth C. McSwain Distinguished Service Award.

EMILY TEAGUE JOHNSTON '46, '52 MED, Clinton. Retired. "Our local alumni chapter has focused on recruitment by giving a tuition scholarship for the last twenty-one years. It would be a challenge to me to serve on the Alumni Association Board to help other local chapters become a more viable force for UNCG." Emily is vice chairman of the Sampson County UNCG Alumni Chapter and is a member of their scholarship committee. Previously, she was chairman of the chapter. From 1946-52, she was a home economics teacher in Albemarle and Goldsboro; she was a home demonstration extension agent in Sampson County from 1952-58. A guidance counselor with the Sampson County Schools from 1963-69, she was program administrator for exceptional children there from 1969-85. She is an elder and circle chairman at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, vice president of the Clinton Garden Club, and a member of the Clinton Woman's Club.



TRUSTEE: DISTRICT SEVEN



CAROLE ANNETTE AYERS '68, Pinnacle. Teacher and Chairman of the Social Studies Department, Gentry Middle School, Mt. Airy. "The four years I was a student at UNCG were exciting, challenging, and culturally enriching. As a candidate for the Alumni Board, I would like for UNCG's tradition of excellence in education to continue to inspire students as we enter the twenty-first century." Annette has been a teacher in the Mt. Airy Schools since graduation; she received her MA degree in 1975 from Appalachian State University. She holds membership in the Surry County NCAE Advisory Council and the NC Council of Social Studies. Presently she serves as treasurer and member of the administrative council at Mount Zion Methodist Church. Named Teacher of the Year at Gentry Middle School, she also received an Excellence in Teaching Award in 1987 for Local History.

REBECCA KASUBOSKI COOK '66, Clemmons. Mathematics teacher, West Forsyth High School, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. "UNCG alumni are busy, involved, energetic people who impressively manage organizations nationwide. The alumni continue to be UNCG's greatest untapped resource! Mobilizing alumni toward actively being involved in UNCG causes must be a priority goal of the Alumni Board." Becky is a member of the Century Club, of the Advocates Annual Giving Program, and the Chancellor's Focus Group at UNCG. She previously served as chair of the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Board of Trustees and on the Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship Committee. She has taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools since 1970 and has studied further at Wake Forest University and UNCG. Active in her church, she is the first woman member of the Provincial Elders Conference, Moravian Church Southern Province. She is also a member of the Provincial Financial Board, the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions, the NEA, NCAE, Forsyth Association of Educators, and the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics. In 1982-83 she was named Winston-Salem/Forsyth County's Teacher of the Year and in 1983-84 the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Outstanding Mathematics Educator.



TRUSTEE: DISTRICT EIGHT



CAROLYN HUNTER WALKER '61, Hickory. Receptionist, Gallery of Homes, Hickory. "Many of us feel that we would welcome an occasion to give to the University something other than a check once a year. Serving as a trustee certainly affords us this opportunity. To me, being an alumni trustee would be very rewarding and challenging." Carolyn has been a member of the Nominating Committee of the Alumni Association. She was a teacher at Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, from 1960-61, and at Hampton Roads Academy, Newport News, VA, from 1961-63. From 1977-81, she was a realtor with Century 21-Chappell Realty, Hickory. Presently, she is altar guild chairman at Ascension Episcopal Church. She served on the task force to establish the Hickory Soup Kitchen. She was a member of the Hickory Community Theater Board and the Catawba Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. A previous member of the St. Mary's College Parents' Council, she was membership chairman of both the Hickory Service League and the Hickory Community Concert Association.

ALICE McDOWELL TEMPLETON '40, Advance. Retired. "Since the University took a chance on me in 1936 when it accepted me as a student, provided me with the opportunity for a good education, and even provided me with a job to help attain it, I would like to be a part of the future of UNCG. As a member of the Alumni Board of Trustees, I feel it would be my duty to support any program that would benefit the University so that it will continue to grow and improve." Alice is serving on the gift committee to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her class. After graduation, she was a laboratory technician in Lumberton, Henderson, and Mooresville. She owned and managed an apartment complex in Asheville from 1970-86. Alice did further study at UNCA and participated in Elderhostel in Ireland, Scotland, and England. Presently vice president of Lutheran Christian Women at her church, she was active in the Asheville Pilot Club International.



TRUSTEE: OUT-OF-STATE



JULIA ALEXANDER KAUFMAN '47, Cambridge, MA. Volunteer. "An important role for board members is to be alert to changing conditions and needs and energetic in pursuing initiatives to meet them. As but one example among many (reflecting my own interest and involvement in continuing adult education programs), I believe that the Board is uniquely suited to encourage and expand programs that reinforce our undergraduate experience and strengthen ties to the Association membership and the broader community to our mutual benefit." Julia was a secretary with Colonial

Williamsburg from 1948-52 and an administrative assistant with The RAND Corporation from 1952-62. In 1979 she was acting executive director with the Flaschner Judicial Institute of Boston. Presently, she is president of the Massachusetts Council for Public Justice, a member of the Flaschner Judicial Institute Academic Board, and a member of the Supreme Judicial Court Committee on Judicial Evaluations. On the board of the American Judicature Society from 1978-86, she was a member of the Harvard Law School Visiting Committee and the Governor's Working Group on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

CATHY ELLEN KRINICK '75, Newport News, VA. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, State of Virginia. "Although I have maintained very close ties with UNCG since my graduation, serving as an Alumni Association Board Member will enable me to strengthen those ties and do even more for the University. Having organized an alumni reunion in the Tidewater, VA, area has made me more aware of how many alumni are living outside North Carolina and that more needs to be done to include them in the Association's affairs. I feel that I have the perspective of an out-of-state alumna yet live close enough to Greensboro to actively participate in the Association's upcoming events. I look forward to serving on your Board if elected." Cathy has served as an Alumni Recruiting Advisor for UNCG. She received her law degree from Wake Forest University in 1978 and has held her present position since then. Presently she is a board member of several organizations: Child Sexual Abuse Task Force, Legal Aid Society, American Lung Association (local chapter), Peninsula Symphony, and the Junior League of Hampton Roads Community Advisory Board. She is a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women.



50 Years Ago in *Alumnae News* . . .

The February 1938 issue of *Alumnae News* was a number so rich in personal notes that it may as well have been named the Woman's College People magazine. So full is the issue, that, even though its 8 pt. type runs margin to margin for 21 pages, only three short articles and a book review break through the achievements of faculty, students, and alumnae. A page and a half, interestingly, lists the names of all the recent visitors who signed the *Alumnae House Guest Book*. Two pages are devoted to faculty notes; nearly three fall under the heading of "The Family Tree," in which alumnae are highlighted; another page and a half are reports of alumnae chapter meetings; it took more than a page to note the whereabouts of the most recent graduating class, the Class of 1937; and seven pages are reserved for class notes and obituaries.

These nuggets were gleaned from the February 1938 number:

- The new American Women, a sort of separate Who's Who for women, includes the names of several members of the Woman's College faculty: Dr. Helen Barton, head of the Department of Mathematics; Mary Channing Coleman, head of the Department of Physical Education; Bernice Draper, associate professor of History; Margaret Edwards, head of the Department of Home Economics; Harriet Elliott, Dean of Women; Dr. Anna M. Gove, physician and professor of Hygiene; Minnie L. Jamison, counselor; Nettie Sue Tillett, associate professor of English; Maude Williams, associate professor of Physiology; Dr. Elizabeth Duffy, professor of Psychology; Mereb Mossman, associate professor of Sociology.
- The first issue of *Chanteclere*, the only French newspaper in North Carolina, published monthly by the foreign language students of Woman's College, will appear the last week in February. You are invited to send your subscription (twenty-five cents for the semester) to Miss Wilma Levine, Business Manager. Rebecca Price is Editor.
- Janet Murphy, freshman from Montclair, New Jersey, is the one freshman, out of 534 new girls this year, who passed the four physical health tests, given by the Department of Physical Education, to be rated as "perfect." The tests are posture, feet, motor skill, and general physical condition.
- Julia Blauvelt ['26], now Mrs. B.G. McGrane, is a poet. A decade ago, she was editor of *Coraddi* and one of its largest and best contributors. She was also a top Quill Clubber.... So it isn't any wonder that Julia's work is accepted regularly — in fact, about ten good publications have taken her verse in the last year. The last four consecutive numbers of *The Ladies Home Journal* include her work.